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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMCONSUL MONTREAL

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LEBANESE POSITION AT FORTHCOMING ICAO

EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY AND DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINED REFTEL
AUG 13 TO FONOFF DIRECTOR OF UN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS KHALIL HADDAD. HADDAD, WHO ALONG WITH LEBANESE
ICAO REP (FNU) ABU SHAKRA WILL REPRESENT GOL AT ROME
CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY, WAS GRATEFUL FOR DETAILED STATE-
MENT OF US POSITION. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH FINAL LEBANESE
POSITION ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN ROME WILL BE FORMULATED
ONLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB GOVTS, GOIL'S
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT FRENCH-SWISS-UK PROPOSAL
RE INCORPORATION OF HAGUE AND MONTREAL PROVISIONS INTO
CHICAGO CONVENTION APPEARS QUITE ACCEPTABLE. HE ADDED,
HOWEVER, THAT GOL STILL HAS RESERVATIONS RE NORIDIC PROPOSAL,
SINCE IT FEARS PROPOSED MACHINERY MAY PROVE TOO COMPLICATED
AND ENCOURAGE "SLANDEROUS" ACCUSATIONS BY ONE STATE AGAINST
ANOTHER. HOWEVER, HE APPEARED AGREE WITH US NEGATIVE
POSITION (STATE 158225) RE UK-FRENCH-SWISS PROPOSAL TO
ALTER RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING CONVENTIONS AT ROME
CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOL HAS IN PAST BEEN LEERY OF PROPOSALS
IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS THAT SMACK OF PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST
STATES WHOSE ACTIONS CONFLICT WITH PRINCIPLES OF HAGUE OR
MONTREAL CONVENTIONS, WE FIND THIS ATTITUDE RATHER CURIOUS
IN LIGHT OF CURRENT LEBANESE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ISRAEL IN
UNSC AND ICAO. IT MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE, ESPECIALLY
IF NOTION RE OFFENSES BY STATES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS
(CAIRO 2417 NOTAL) CAN BE INCORPORATED IN PROVISIONS OF
INDEPENDENT CONVENTION PROPOSED BY NORDIC COUNTRIES.
IN ANY EVENT, WE EXPECT USDEL WILL FIND HADDAD AMONG THE
MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE, HARD-WORKING AND COOPERATIVE OF ALL
ARAB REPS AT ROME CONFERENCE.
DECON 8/14/74.
BUFFUM

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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